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SUBJECT: GAROUFALIAS URGES PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS TO EXERCISE
GREATER AUTHORITY

1. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS OCTOBER 7, PETER GAROUFALIAS, EX-DEPUTY, EX-MINISTER OF DEFENSE (CU) AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION STATED HE ADVISED PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS AS HEAD OF STATE WITH RESPONSIBILITIES GREATER THAN THOSE OF KING THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD NOT BECOME BLIND TOOL OF PRIME MINISTER. ACCORDING TO RELEASE, GAROUFALIAS INFORMED PRESIDENT OF ESTABLISHMENT AND POLITICAL PROGRAM OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION (NDU).

GAROUFALIA EMPHASIZED THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DEMANDS OF OPPOSITION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS FOR ONE MONTH AND AMENDMENT OF ELECTORAL LAW TO FAVOR SMALLER PARTIES. GAROUFALIAS ALSO STRESSED THAT SERVICE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE QUASI-POLITICAL GOVERNMENT WHICH CAST DOUBT ON IRREPROACHABLE NATURE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS. HE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD NAME PM AND CABINET MINISTERS OF SERVICE GOVERNMENT AS CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZES JUST AS KING DID IN PAST. ANNOUNCEMENT POINTED OUT THAT MONARCHS SHOULD ALSO BE REPLACED BY JUDICIARY OFFICIALS AS IN PAST CARETAKER GOVERNMENTS AND ARMED FORCES "SHOULD NOT BE INSULTED FOR REASONS OF POLITICAL EXPLOITATION". GAROUFALIAS CONCLUDED BY RECALLING THAT ADULTERATION OF 1961
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ELECTIONS AND JUSTIFIABLE REVOLT OF G. PAPANDREOU PROMPTED

ENSUING POLITICAL MISFORTUNE. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT THE THEN PRIME MINISTER IS THE SAME AS THE PRESENT "ELECTORAL" PRIME MINISTER.

3. GAROUFALIAS ALSO SAW CARAMANLIS LAST WEEK. HE IS PRESUMABLY WAITING UNTIL CANDIDATE LISTS ARE ANNOUNCED LATER THIS WEEK BY NEW DEMOCRACY AND CENTER UNION BEFORE DRAWING UP HIS OWN LIST WHICH IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE AMONG OTHER THOSE DROPPED FROM MAJOR PARTY LISTS.

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